GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ONION EXPORT ZONES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish Onion Export Zones in various districts of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial assistance made available in this regard; and

(c) the estimated earnings from the said Zones every year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The proposal received from State Government of Maharashtra for an Agri ExportZone (AEZ) for Onion covering Districts of Nasik, Ahmednagar, Pune, Satara and Solapur, hasbeen approved by Government on 18th November,2002. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has also been signed with the State Government on 16th January,2003 having the following financial projections for various schemes as R&D, infrastructure, Marketing Promotion etc.

(Rs. in crores)

State Govt.	Central Govt.	Pvt.	Total
12.99	6.13	13.12	32.24

(c): The Govt. of Maharashtra has estimated the following foreign exchange earnings (year-wise) from zone:

(Rs.In crores)

1st yr	2nd yr	3rd yr	4th yr	5th yr	Total
10.15	20.14	30.37	39.93	53.90	154.49